of the five Zonal Institutes of Education and Training has been opened at Gwalior.

(b) the aims and objects of the Institute are: to organise inservice training programmes for KV teachers and other officers, to develop curricular enrichment materials, to train in working with educational technology, to improve evaluation practices and to develop as a resource institution for KVS.

(c) The Institute will provide facilities for computer aided learning and research and educational studies alongwith inservice training in various school subject etc.

Transfer of Bhopal Gas Tragedy Victims

571. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 6632 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th May, 1995 and state:

(a) whether the tragedy affected teachers transfer orders have since been cancelled; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. One of the post Graduate Teachers who claims to be victim of Bhopal Gas Tragedy was posted to Kendriya Vidayalaya No. I, Bhopal, by transferring out the incumbent teacher. The teacher who was transferred out of Bhopal filed a Writ Petition in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh and got a stay order. The Court, in its final order delivered on 5-10-95, directed the competent authority of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to consider the claims of both the teachers and pass appropriate orders in accordance with the law. Both the teachers claim to be Gas Victims and have now submitted their representations to the Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for taking suitable decision as directed by the Court.

Newspaper Report on Pension Adalats held by KVS

572. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2460 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th August 1995 and state the reaction of the Government towards a news item captioned 'Pension Adalats' "Much Cry Little Wool" that appeared in New Delhi city edition of the 'Pioneer' dated the 4th September, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): In the News item, it has been reported that Sufficient time was not given to the petitioners to submit their petitions; the publicity was inadequate; and there was no payment of TA/DA to the petitioners who attended the Pension Adalat.

Based on the guidelines issued by Department of Pension & Pensioner's Welfare, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) organised the first of the three Pension Adalats for the employees on 20th August, 1995, at Delhi.

Two weeks time was given to the Petitioners to submit their applications. However, KVS Head-Quarter accepted the petitions received even after the due date and petitioners were entertained even on the Pension Adalat Day held on 20th August, 1995. Wide publicity was given in prominent newspapers, both in English and Hindi published from Delhi, Chandigarh, Jaipur and Jammu, to reach the maximum number of target group. In addition, all the principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas of the five Regions were also directed through a circular to inform the